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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DONALD R. RICCI

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AND METHOD OF USE

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the February 14, 2003 Office Action to August 14, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 \$465.00 for payment of the extension fee. Any additional fee required, and any overpayments should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

In response to the August 14, 2003 Office Action, please enter the following amendments.

- I. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.
- II. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.
- III. Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.